



Overview and Introduction of Draft Maps

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Agenda

- Why is redistricting important?
- What have we done so far?
- Definitions and Redistricting Requirements
- Draft Maps – 3 versions
- Public Comment Opportunities
- Questions

Have a question?

We will answer questions at the end of the session, as time allows. Utilize the raise hand function or type your question into the Q&A section.



Why is redistricting important?

It is important to make sure everyone is represented equally in government. This is the idea of “**one person, one vote.**”

This applies to our representation at all levels of government from local to federal.

For Rochester residents, redistricting impacts who represents you at:

- Rochester City Council
- Olmsted County Board of Commissioners
- MN House of Representatives
- MN Senate
- US House of Representatives



Why is redistricting important?

Following the Census, we are required to redraw electoral district boundaries to account for population shifts and growth to ensure equal representation.

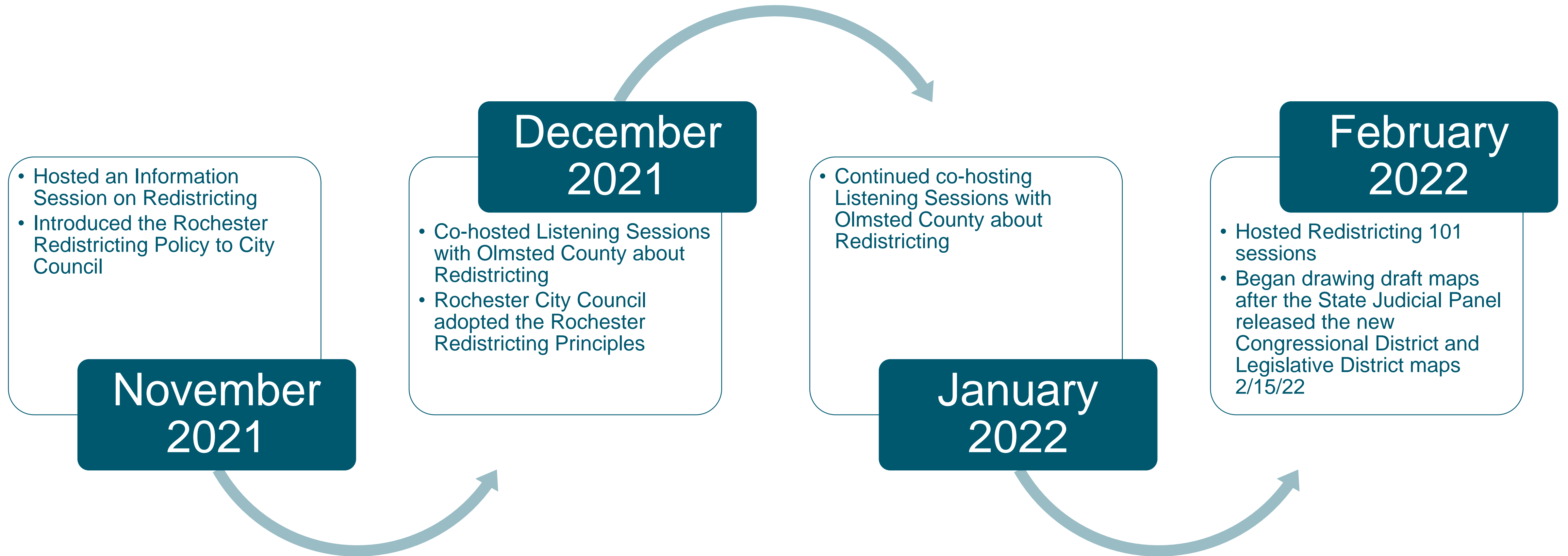
We are here.



*This is a legislative deadline. For the last 5 decades, the Minnesota legislature has missed this deadline and a Special Judicial Panel has drawn the congressional and legislative maps.



What have we done so far?



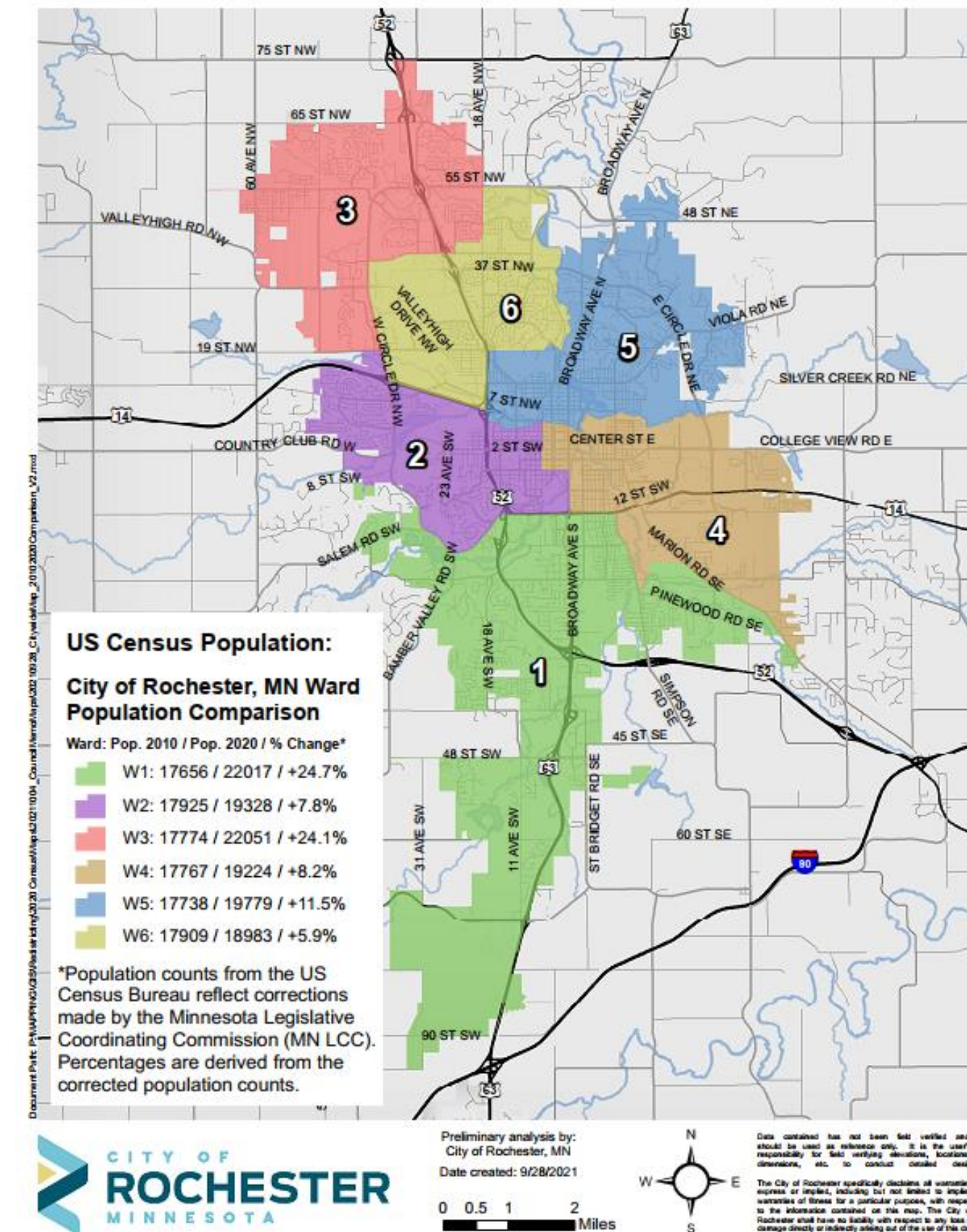


Definitions

What is a ward?

Wards are districts that some cities use to elect members of city council. Among the over 850 cities in Minnesota, only about 70 use wards for electing council members, the others elect their council at large. The City of Rochester's Charter requires that there be 6 wards.

NOTE: The 7th member of council is elected at-large and serves as the Council President.





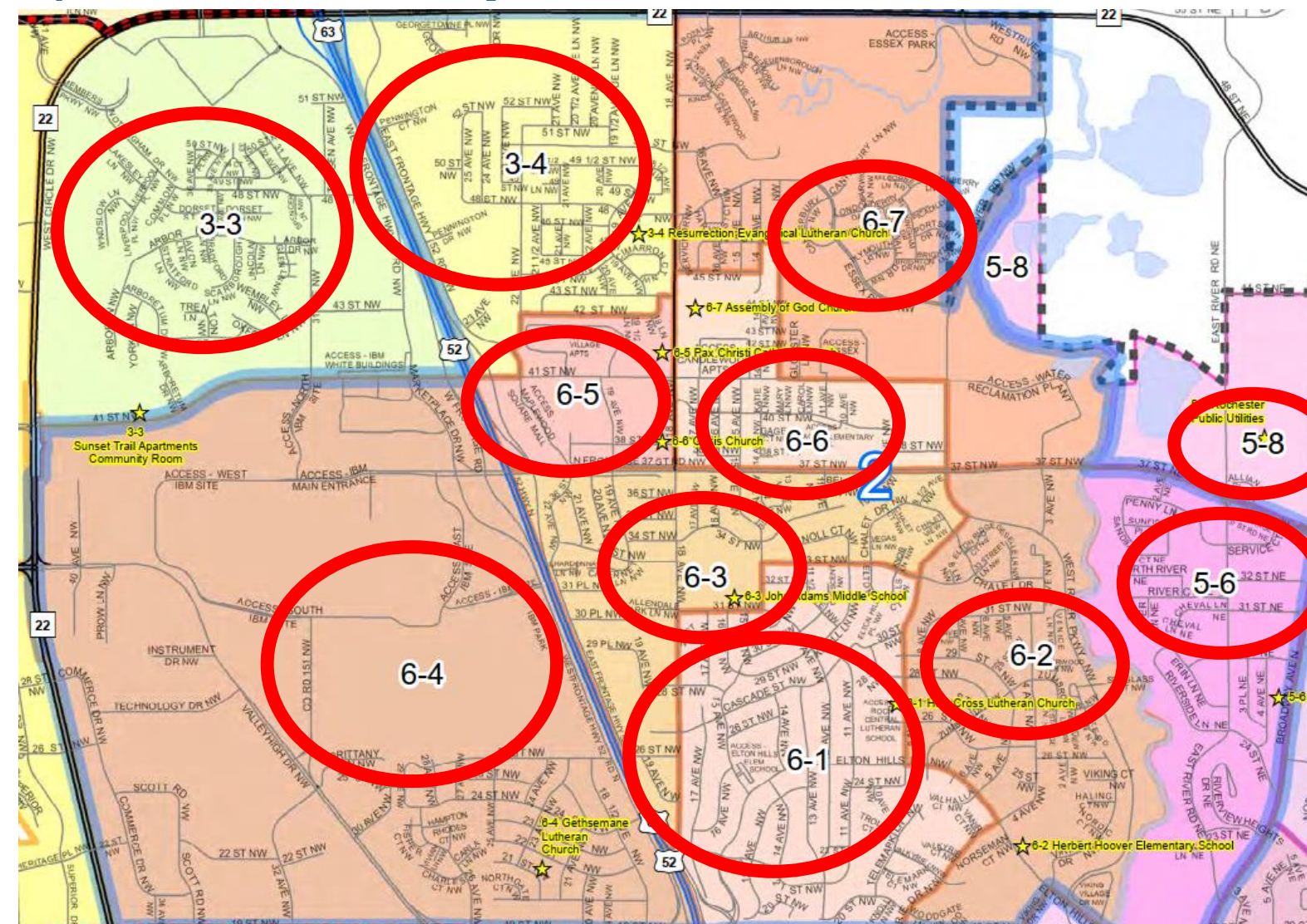
Definitions

What is a precinct?

Precincts are the basic geographic area used for elections. Ballots are created and results are generally reported at the precinct level.

Political parties also utilize precinct information for organizing and outreach efforts.

In communities with wards and precincts, they are abbreviated as either as # - # or W#P# (for example, Ward 3 Precinct 3, would be 3-3 or W3P3).





Definitions

What is Census Tract?

- A small, relatively permanent statistical subdivision of a county.
- Uniquely numbered in each county with a numeric code.
- Average about 4,000 inhabitants (minimum population 1,200; maximum population 8,000).

[Source: Census.gov](https://www.census.gov)



Definitions

What is a Census Block?

- Statistical areas bounded by visible features such as roads, streams, and railroad tracks, and by nonvisible boundaries such as property lines, city, township, etc.
- The smallest level of geography you can get basic demographic data for, such as total population by age, sex, and race.
- Blocks are not defined based on population. In fact, many census blocks do not have any population.

[Source: Census.gov](https://www.census.gov)



Redistricting Requirements

Federal Requirements:

- Equal in size
- Must not be drawn with either the purpose or effect of abridging the right of any citizen to vote on account of race, ethnicity, or membership in a language minority group, and otherwise must comply with the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act

State Requirements:

- Convenient and contiguous territory
- Compact



Redistricting Requirements

Rochester Charter Requirements:

- Six (6) wards
- “...compact, contiguous territory and shall contain as nearly as practicable an equal population.”
- “Wherever possible ward boundary lines shall follow the center lines of streets, avenues, alleys and boulevards and shall run due east and west and north and south.”



Redistricting Requirements

Rochester Redistricting Policy (adopted 12/6/21) Requirements:

- The City will keep communities of interest in one Ward whenever possible. A community of interest refers to a group of people with a common set of concerns that may be affected by legislation. Examples of communities of interest include ethnic, racial, social, and economic groups. Communities of interest will be identified by the City and informed by a public engagement process.
- Subject to applicable law and the overriding principles of fairness and equity and in the interest of continuity, the City will change the boundaries of the Wards as little as possible.
- Wards must not be drawn with the purpose of protecting, promoting, or defeating any incumbent, candidate, or political party. The City will not draw wards based on the residence of incumbent officeholders and will not consider past election results when drawing wards.



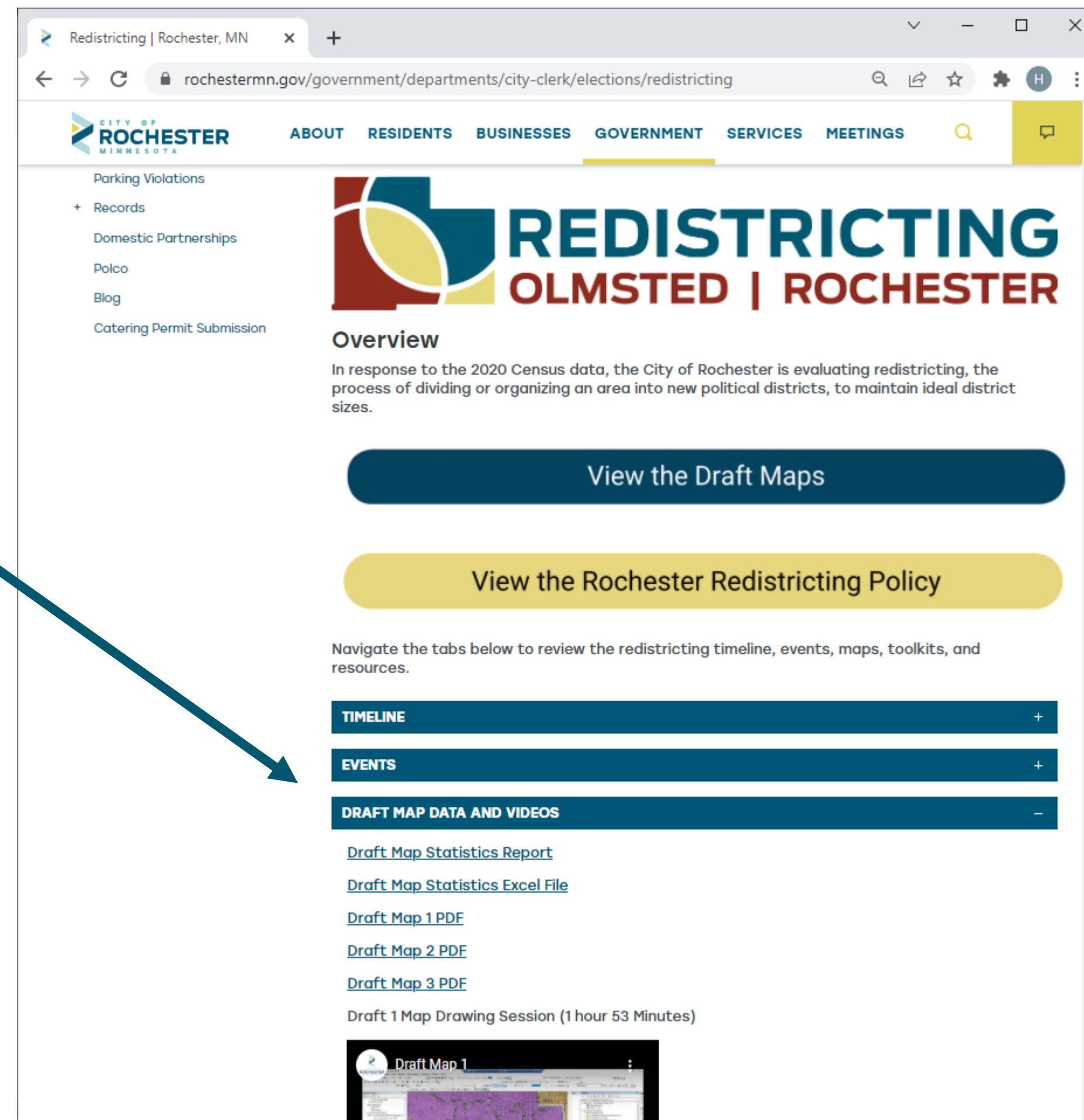
Rochester Numbers

	2010 Population	Deviation from 2010 Ideal Ward Size	% Change from 2010 to 2020	2020 Population	Population to add/subtract to reach 2020 Ideal Ward Size
Ward 1	17,656	-0.78%	24.7%	22,017	-1,787
Ward 2	17,925	0.73%	7.8%	19,328	902
Ward 3	17,774	-0.12%	24.1%	22,051	-1,821
Ward 4	17,767	-0.16%	8.2%	19,224	1,006
Ward 5	17,738	-0.32%	11.5%	19,779	451
Ward 6	17,909	0.64%	5.9%	18,983	1,247
Total	106,769		13.6%	121,382	
Ideal Ward Size	17,795			20,230	



Rochester Map Drawing

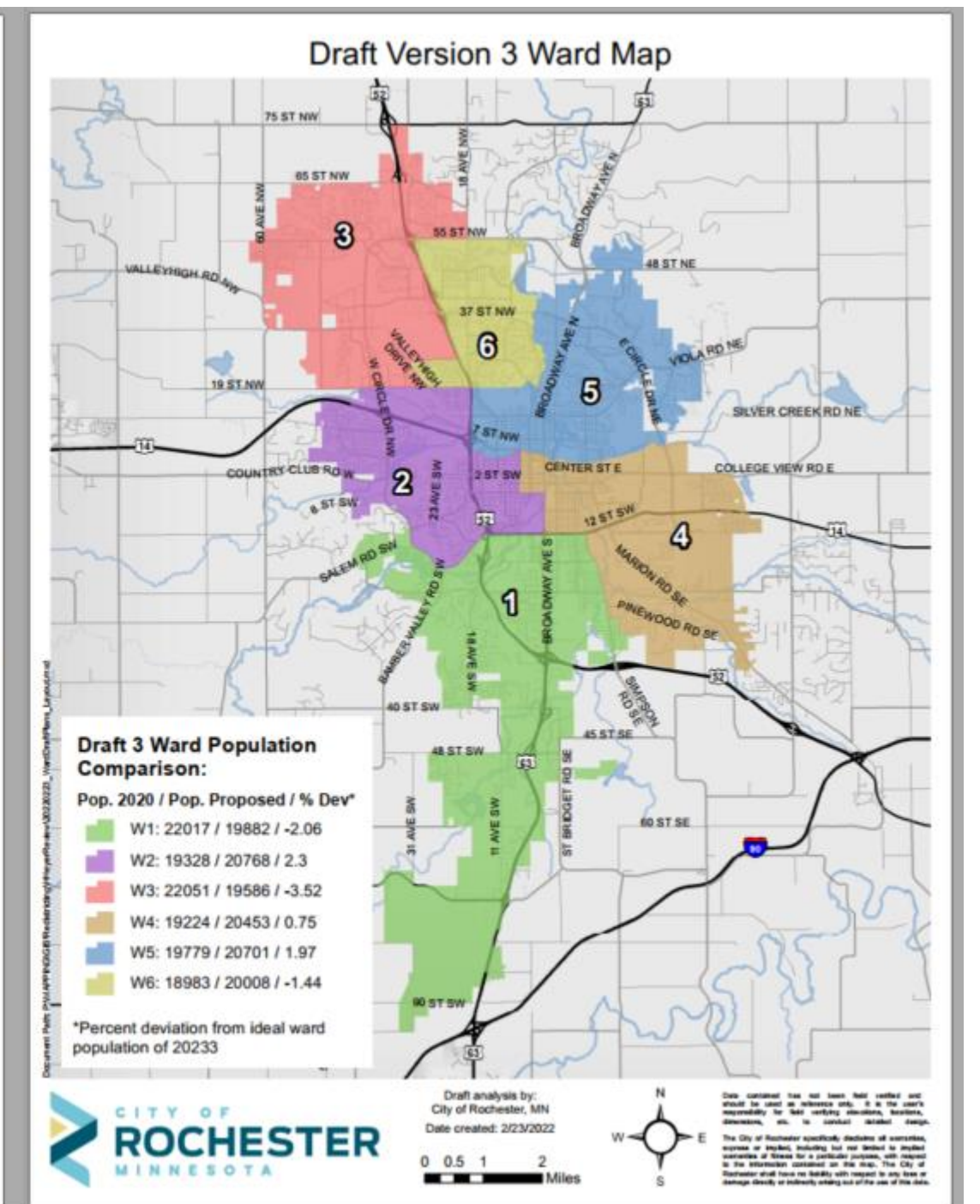
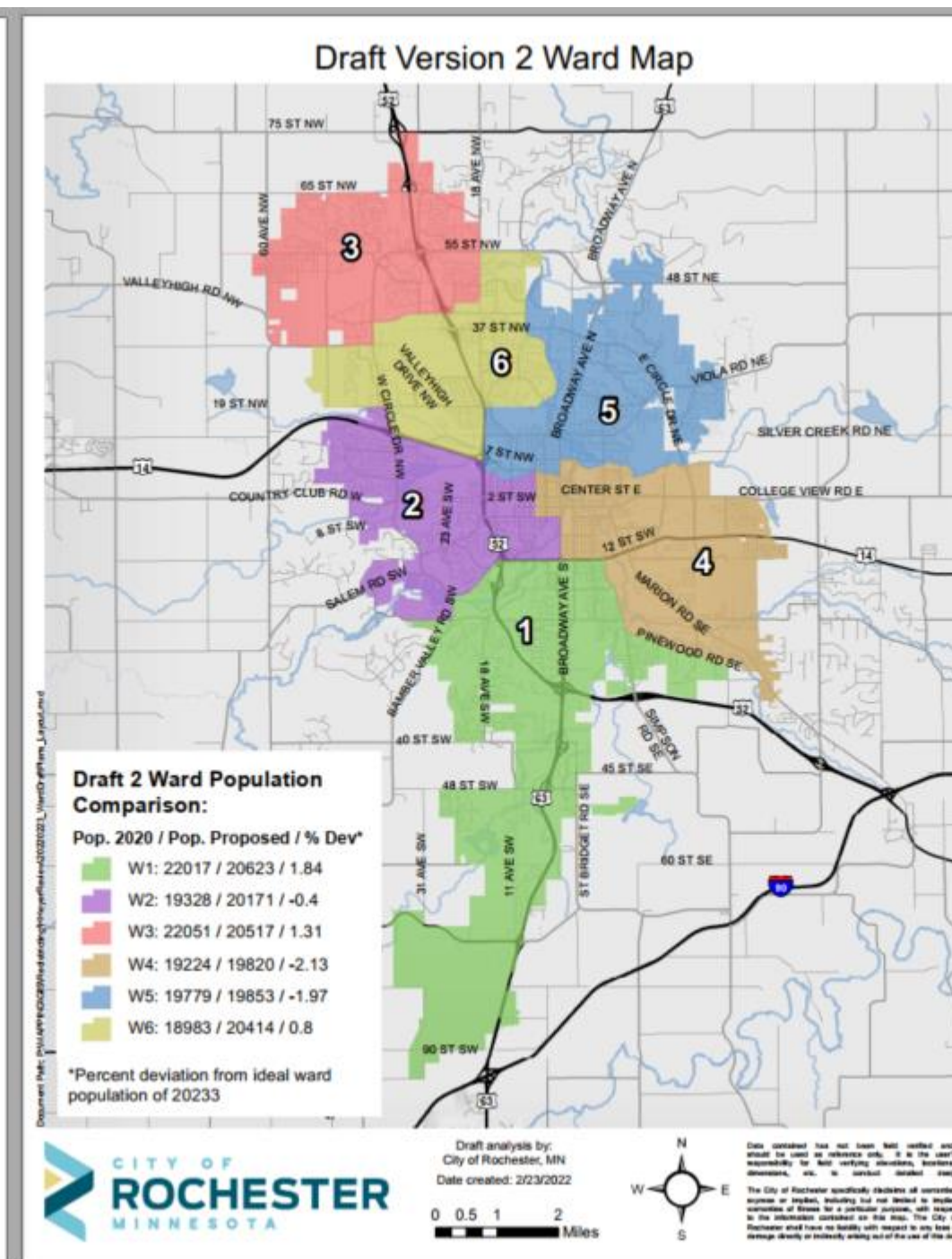
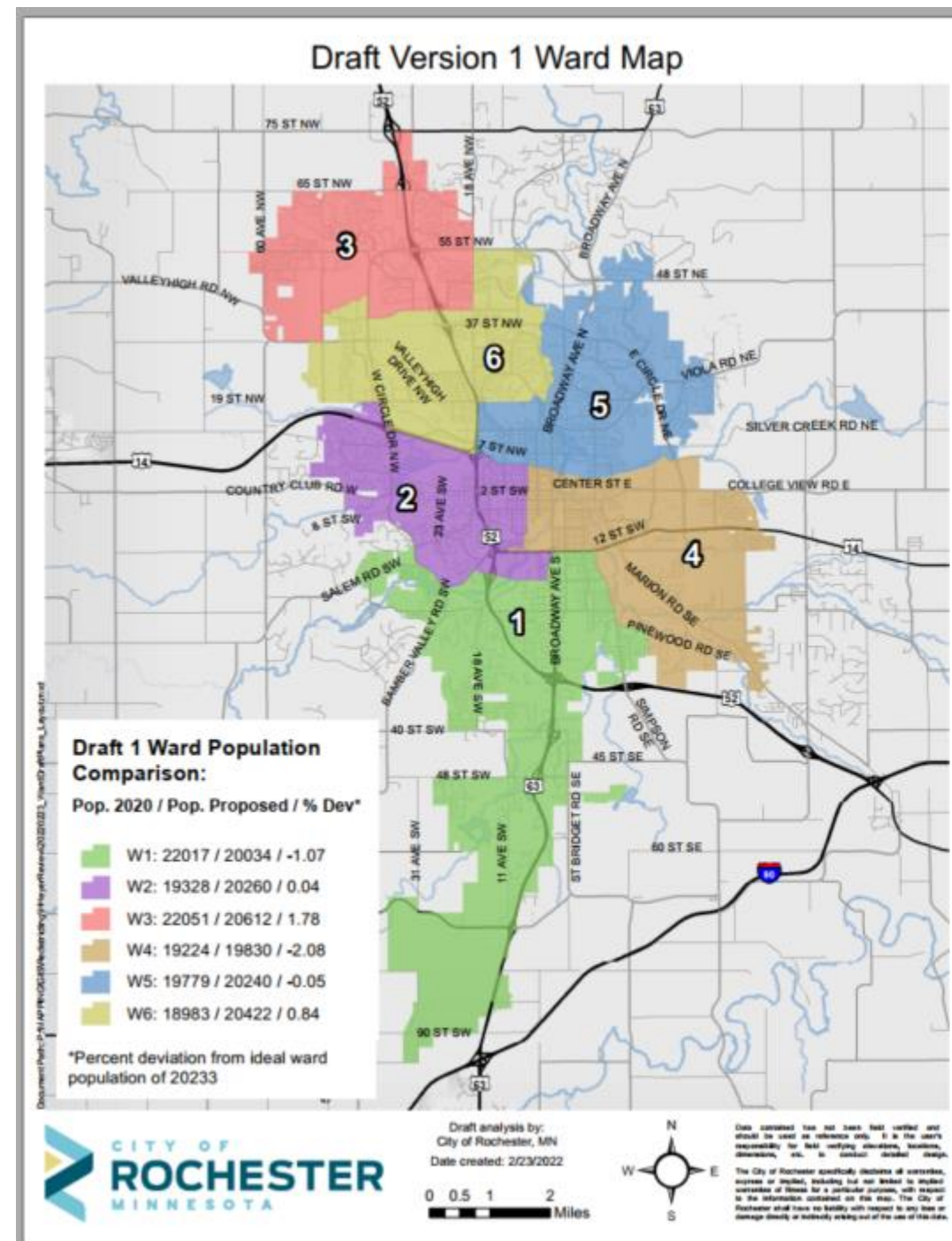
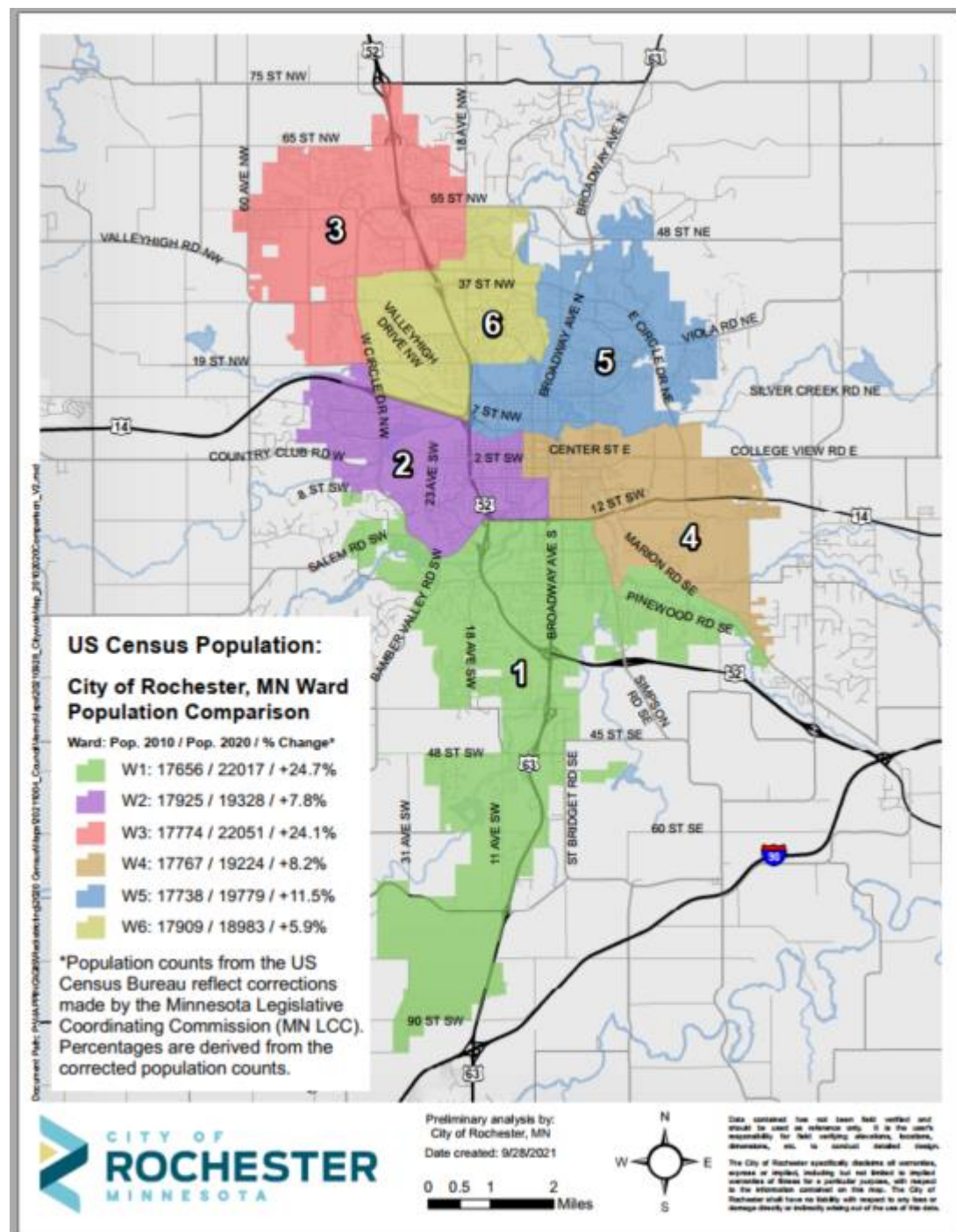
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Draft Maps

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Current Wards



Rochester Interactive Map

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rochester-redistricting-rpu.hub.arcgis.com/pages/draft-maps

[What is Redistricting?](#)[Redistricting Timeline](#)[Historical Maps](#)[Interactive Maps & Survey](#)[Helpful Resources](#)

City of Rochester 2020 Draft Wards Interactive Map

Use the interactive map below to turn layers off and on to learn more about certain areas. Once a layer has been turned on, you can click a location on the map to open a popup which will give you more information. If you click the > to the right of a layer's name, that will open it's legend, showing how a layer is symbolized.

Legend

☒ Polling Places

☐ City Limits

☒ Existing Wards

☐ Draft #1 Wards

☐ Draft #2 Wards

☐ Draft #3 Wards

☐ Neighborhood Associations

☐ 2022 House of Representatives Boundary

☐ 2022 Senate Boundary

☐ 2020 Census Block Populations

☐ 2010-2020 Precinct Population Percent Change

☐ 2020 Precinct Population

☐ 2010 Precinct Population

☐ Percent White Alone by Census Tract (2020)

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Draft Map Statistics Report



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Draft Map Statistics:

This report includes details on changes for each ward in each of the 3 draft maps. Additionally, there is a table of statistics including the deviation from the ideal ward size and percentage of residents impacted by each draft map.





Draft Map 1 Statistics

	2020 Population	Deviation from Ideal	% Deviation
Ward 1	20034	-199	-0.98%
Ward 2	20260	27	0.13%
Ward 3	20612	379	1.87%
Ward 4	19830	-403	-1.99%
Ward 5	20240	7	0.03%
Ward 6	20422	189	0.93%
Total Population 2020	121398	Ideal Ward Size	20233
		Standard Deviation	276.459762
		Absolute Overall Range	782
		Average Absolute Deviation	201
		Total Rochester residents in new ward	7091
		Percent of Rochester residents in a new ward	5.84%



Draft Map 2 Statistics

	2020 Population	Deviation from Ideal	% Deviation
Ward 1	20623	390	1.93%
Ward 2	20171	-62	-0.31%
Ward 3	20517	284	1.40%
Ward 4	19820	-413	-2.04%
Ward 5	19853	-380	-1.88%
Ward 6	20414	181	0.89%
Total Population 2010	121398	Ideal Ward Size	20233
		Standard Deviation	341.856695
		Absolute Overall Range	803
		Average Absolute Deviation	285
		Total Rochester Residents in a new ward	3057
		Percent of Rochester residents in a new ward	2.52%



Draft Map 3 Statistics

	2020 Population	Deviation from Ideal	% Deviation
Ward 1	19882	-351	-1.73%
Ward 2	20768	535	2.64%
Ward 3	19586	-647	-3.20%
Ward 4	20453	220	1.09%
Ward 5	20701	468	2.31%
Ward 6	20008	-225	-1.11%
Total Population 2020	121398	Ideal Ward Size	20233
		Standard Deviation	478.7659
		Absolute Overall Range	1182
		Average Absolute Deviation	408
		Total Rochester residents in a new ward	8009
		Percent of Rochester residents in a new ward	6.60%



Public Comment on draft maps

- Polco Survey going live today through March 6, 2022.
- Interactive Map – provide comments on each draft map.
- Physical maps will be on display at City Hall, Rochester Public Library and 125Live early next week through March 6, 2022.
- Public Comment Meetings (virtual) next week:
 - Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 12pm-1pm & 6pm-7pm
 - Thursday, March 3, 2022, 7:30am-8:30am & 12pm-1pm
 - Saturday, March 5, 2022, 9am-10am
- Directly following the above public comment opportunities, the City utilize the week of March 7 to March 11 to finalize the recommended map, based on the feedback gathered from the community.
- The final map, along with the new precinct boundaries, is expected to be brought to City Council on March 21.



Questions?

If you have additional questions please contact:

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